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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ARRESTS

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT A YOUNG TOGOLESE COMING FROM PARIS WAS ARRESTED AT THE AIRPORT APRIL 18 WHEN HE WAS FOUND TO BE CARRYING ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS. APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT, AT LEAST FOUR OTHERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED STARTING APRIL 20: THE HEADMASTER OF THE LYCEE AT ANECHO, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, AND THE HEAD-MASTER ACD ANOTHER PROFESSOR AT THE LYCEE IN PALIME. THE PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD BY THE GENDARMERIE IN LOME. THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE ARRESTEES WAS PERMITTED TO VISIT HIM APRIL 22 AND REPORTED HE HAD NOT BEEN MALTREATED.

2. COMMENT: ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED SPORADI-CALLY IN LOME AND, AS IN THIS INCIDENT, ARE GENERALLY BELIEVED TO ORIGINATE AMONG TOGOLESE STUDENTS AND OTHER EXPATRIATES IN FRANCE. THIS DISSIDENCE IS MORE AN ANNOYANCE THAN A
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THREAT TO THE EYADEMA REGIME. PRISONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW LONG THESE ARRESTEES WILL BE DETAINED.
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